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For: METAL COATING METHOD EXCELLENT
IN CORROSION RESISTANCE AND
ARTICLE COATED THEREWITH

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, also serves as a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2006. Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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